

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) ~~A compressor according to claim 9~~ A spring compressor comprising an actuator with a body (100) and a rod (110) that are telescopically movable relative to each other, and two jaws (1, 1') each comprising an attachment portion (2) for attachment to the actuator and a working portion (3) for engaging a turn of a helical spring (8, 9), in which the working portion (3) of each jaw comprises a first part (4) and a second part (12) that are hinged relative to each other, the first part (4) being connected to the attachment portion (2), wherein the first part (4) carries, close to said attachment portion, a circular track segment (5) for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, provided along its inside edge with a rim (7) for retaining the turn, and wherein the second part is in the form of an arm (12) hinged to the attachment portion (2) or to the first part (4) in the vicinity of one end (5c) of the track segment (5) about an axis (11) that is substantially perpendicular to the surface of the track segment (5), and whose free end forms a zone for taking charge of a turn of the spring, wherein the track segment (5) has a free end (5a) opposed to said

one end (5c), a width of said free end (5a) increasing towards said one end (5c).

12. (previously presented) A compressor according to claim 11, wherein the part (4) carrying the track segment (5) includes a tab (6) overlying said free end (5a) from an inside edge (5b) of said track segment.

13. (previously presented) A compressor according to claim 11, wherein the thickness of the part (4) defining the track segment (5) tapers progressively towards said free end (5a).

14. (currently amended) ~~A compressor according to claim 9~~ A spring compressor comprising an actuator with a body (100) and a rod (110) that are telescopically movable relative to each other, and two jaws (1, 1') each comprising an attachment portion (2) for attachment to the actuator and a working portion (3) for engaging a turn of a helical spring (8, 9), in which the working portion (3) of each jaw comprises a first part (4) and a second part (12) that are hinged relative to each other, the first part (4) being connected to the attachment portion (2), wherein the first part (4) carries, close to said attachment portion, a circular track segment (5) for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, provided along its inside edge with a rim (7) for retaining the turn, and wherein the second part is in the form of an arm (12) hinged to the attachment portion (2) or to the first part (4) in the vicinity of one end (5c) of the

track segment (5) about an axis (11) that is substantially perpendicular to the surface of the track segment (5), and whose free end forms a zone for taking charge of a turn of the spring, wherein the connection between the working portion (3) and the attachment portion (2) includes a pivot (25, 26a) substantially parallel to the surface of the track (5) and passing substantially through the center of the attachment portion (2).

15. (currently amended) ~~A compressor according to claim 9~~ A spring compressor comprising an actuator with a body (100) and a rod (110) that are telescopically movable relative to each other, and two jaws (1, 1') each comprising an attachment portion (2) for attachment to the actuator and a working portion (3) for engaging a turn of a helical spring (8, 9), in which the working portion (3) of each jaw comprises a first part (4) and a second part (12) that are hinged relative to each other, the first part (4) being connected to the attachment portion (2), wherein the first part (4) carries, close to said attachment portion, a circular track segment (5) for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, provided along its inside edge with a rim (7) for retaining the turn, and wherein the second part is in the form of an arm (12) hinged to the attachment portion (2) or to the first part (4) in the vicinity of one end (5c) of the track segment (5) about an axis (11) that is substantially perpendicular to the surface of the track segment (5), and whose free end forms a zone for taking charge of a turn of the spring,

wherein the attachment portion (2) of each jaw is in the form of a sleeve (20) connected sideways to the working portion (3), the central recess (21) being U-shaped and open sideways away from the working portion (3), and having at least one longitudinal end situated beside the rear face of the jaw that is provided with a countersunk area (22) of diameter greater than the width of the recess (21) in the U-shape.

16. (previously presented) A compressor according to claim 15, wherein the body (100) of the actuator includes two spaced-apart collars (101) for co-operating with the countersunk area (22) of the jaw, and a thread (103) at a distance from each collar (101) for a nut (104a, 104b) for clamping the jaw against the collar.

17. (previously presented) A spring compressor, comprising:

an actuator with a body and a rod that are telescopically movable relative to each other;

two jaws that each comprises an attachment portion that is attached to said actuator and a working portion that is connected to said attachment portion for engaging a turn of a helical spring;

said working portion comprising a curved track segment for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, said curved track segment crossing a line from a center line of said actuator to a center line of a spring held in the compressor and having distal

ends on opposite sides of said line, said curved track segment having a rim on an inside edge for retaining the spring turn; and

said working portion further comprising an arm hinged to one of said attachment portion and said curved track segment adjacent to one end of said track segment, said arm being hinged about an axis that is substantially perpendicular to a surface of said track segment and having a free end that engages a turn of the spring.

18. (previously presented) The spring compressor of claim 17, wherein said rim crosses said line.

19. (previously presented) The spring compressor of claim 17, wherein one of said distal ends of said curved track segment comprises a tab overlying a surface of said curved track segment.

20. (previously presented) The spring compressor of claim 19, wherein a thickness of said curved track segment decreases toward said one distal end.

21. (previously presented) The spring compressor of claim 17, wherein said curved track segment comprises a fitting for removably attaching said curved track segment to said attachment portion.

22-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) ~~The spring compressor of claim 9~~
A spring compressor comprising an actuator with a body (100) and a rod (110) that are telescopically movable relative to each

other, and two jaws (1, 1') each comprising an attachment portion (2) for attachment to the actuator and a working portion (3) for engaging a turn of a helical spring (8, 9), in which the working portion (3) of each jaw comprises a first part (4) and a second part (12) that are hinged relative to each other, the first part (4) being connected to the attachment portion (2), wherein the first part (4) carries, close to said attachment portion, a circular track segment (5) for bearing against a portion of a spring turn, provided along its inside edge with a rim (7) for retaining the turn, and wherein the second part is in the form of an arm (12) hinged to the attachment portion (2) or to the first part (4) in the vicinity of one end (5c) of the track segment (5) about an axis (11) that is substantially perpendicular to the surface of the track segment (5), and whose free end forms a zone for taking charge of a turn of the spring, wherein one distal end of said circular track segment comprises a tab overlying a surface of said circular track segment.